Funding Patterns of DPAP AND DDP Programmes

5. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the present funding patterns for DPAP and DDP Programmes in the country;

(b) what criteria have been fixed for allocation of resources to the various States particularly in respect of Rajasthan and Orissa for financing the DPAP DDP programmes;

(c) what are the channels through which the funds released by the Central Government percolate down to the actual beneficiaries under these programmes; and

(d) how the allocation of funds is related to the availability of technology, geographical conditions and the extent of seberity of aridity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) to (d) Drought Prone Areas Programmes:

The funds are shared by Government of India and the concerned State Government on 50: 50 basis. The allocation is made in respect of each block covered under the programmes and rate of allocation varies with the geographical area of the block. Presently, the rate of allocation is as follows:

Geographical area of the Block (Sq. Km.)	Allocation per Block per year (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Upto 500 . . .	15.00
2. From 500 - 1000 . . .	16.50
3. Over 1000 . . .	18.50

This pattern applies to all States under this programme including Rajasthan and Orissa.

Desert Development Programme:

This is implemented with 100 percent central financial assistance. For hot deserts, the allocations presently is made at the rate of Rs. 24 lakhs, for one thousand sq. Kilometers subject to a ceiling of Rs. 500 lakhs per district except for areas in Ganganagar District for which a lump-sum provision of Rs. 90 lakhs has been made. For cold desert areas, a lumpsum provision is made for the district covered, the rate being Rs. 100 lakhs per district per year for Himachal Pradesh and Rs. 150 lakhs per district per year for Jammu & Kashmir. While 11 districts of Rajasthan are covered under DDP, no area of Orissa is covered under this programme. The allocations to the programmes are made by the Planning Commission within the constraints of available national resources and priorities.

The funds are released by the Central Government to the concerned State Governments, who, inturn, allocate the same to the District Rural Development Agencies for the implamentation of these programmes in the concerned blocks.

Modernisation of Railway Stations in Rajasthan and Orissa

6. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made so far for modernisation of the Railway Stations in Rajasthan and Orissa; and

(b) what are the details of the new proposals in this regard, including computerisation scheme, under Governments consideration and what

budget provisions have been made/ proposed during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Modernisation of Railway Stations including computerisation of passenger reservation is a continuous process and the same is done on a need based programme depending on the volume of traffic dealt with and subject to availability of funds.

In the state of Rajasthan, Bikaner Jn., Jodhpur Jn., Jaipur Jn., Bharatpur Jn., and Ajmer Jn. Railway Stations and in Orissa State Bhubaneswar have been selected for extensive modernisation and computerisation of passenger reservation is being done at Jaipur. Bhubaneswar and Cuttack in these states These works are in various stages of progress and the proposed outlay for them for the year 1990-91 is Rs. 4 4 crore.

Places selected for Development of Tourism in Rajasthan and Orissa

7. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places which have been selected for development from tourist point of view both for foreign and Indian visitors during 1991-92 in Rajasthan and Orissa; and

(b) what are the details of the facilities likely to be provided and Central assistance proposed to be given to above State Governments during the current year and the Eighth Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) Selection of places for development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance for specific projects, dependent upon their merit, availability of funds and inter-se-priorities.

(b) In consultation with the State Government of Rajasthan and Orissa, the following projects have been prioritised for Central assistance during the current year (1990-91):

Rajasthan

1. Tourist Complex at Boondi.
2. Tourist Complex at Sawai Madhopur.
3. Tourist Bungalow at Pali.
4. Tourist Bungalow at Alwar.
5. Waysiae facilities at Dholpur.
6. Expansion at Mahuwa.
7. Cafeteria at Kesarkyari.
8. Tourist Accommodation at Pushkar.
9. Water sports equipment for Jaisamand Lake.
10. Floodlighting of Jaisalmer Fort.
11. Floating resaturant at Udaipur.

Orissa

1. Tourist Complex at Pathrajpur.
2. Tourist Complex at Barkul.
3. Tourist Complex at Rambha.
4. Tourist Complex at Belghar.
5. Tourist Complex at Daringabadi.
6. Tourist Complex at Thuamal Rampur.
7. Visitors Centre at Konark.
8. Frest Lodge at Chandbell
9. Forest Lodge at Tikarpada.
10. Tourist Lodge at Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary.
11. Provision of tents/equipments for Adventure sports.

The Central assistance is given scheme-wise and not State-wise. The Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.